

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

FRANCIS OBIORA ENWONWU

CASE NO. 6:25-CV-00232 (SEC. P)

VERSUS

JUDGE ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS

KEVIN JOYCE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE WHITEHURST

ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), whereby she recommends the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus submitted by Francis Enwonwu be denied and dismissed without prejudice.¹ Petitioner objects, in part, arguing jurisdiction remains with the United States District Court for the District of Maine.² The Court agrees. When the petition was filed, Enwonwu was incarcerated in Portland, Maine, within the jurisdictional boundaries of the United States District Court for the District of Maine.³ He filed his petition in the district court of that district and named as respondent the warden of the institution in which he was incarcerated.⁴ “Jurisdiction attached on that initial filing for habeas corpus relief, and it was not destroyed by the transfer of petitioner and accompanying custodial change.”⁵ Accordingly,

¹ ECF No. 20 at 8.

² *See e.g.* ECF No. 21 at 4.

³ *See* ECF No. 6 at 2.

⁴ *See* ECF No. 1 at 1; *see also*

www.cumberlandso.org/administration/about_us/organizational_charts.php (last visited June 16, 2025).

⁵ *Griffin v. Ebbert*, 751 F.3d 288, 290 (5th Cir. 2014); *see also* ECF No. 20 at 4-5.

The Clerk of Court is ORDERED to transfer the present case to the United States District Court, District of Maine, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631.

THUS DONE in Chambers on this 20th day of June, 2025.



ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE